GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
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Sports Promotion at Grass Root Level
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes/programmes initiated for development of a structured system at the grass root level to engage young boys and girls in the age group of 8-10 years in various sports;

(b) the details of schemes/measures taken for ensuring availability of sporting equipments and wholesome nourishment to identified sportspersons;

(c) the details of schemes/measures taken to set up sports science and sports medicines centres to support the sports fraternity; and

(d) whether infrastructure has been built to create sports science institutes and if so, the efforts of the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports is implementing a scheme named Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan for creation of sports infrastructure and conducting annual sports competitions, namely Rural Sports Competitions, Women Sports Competitions, North East Games and Competitions in Left Wing Affected Areas. Of these competitions, the Rural Sports Competitions cater to rural youth below the age of 16 years.
In addition, the Sports Authority of India (SAI), implements schemes/ programs for development of a structured system at the grass root level to engage young boys and girls covering the age group of 8-10 years in various sports, namely, National Sports Talent Contest Scheme (NSTC), Army Boys Sports Company Scheme (ABSC) and Come & Play Scheme.

(c) & (d) It has been decided by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports to set up an Indian Institute of Sports Science and Research (IISSR) to integrate the study, research and practice of Sports Sciences and Medicine within high standard institutional framework to achieve excellence in Sports.

The setting up of the Indian Institute of Sports Science and Research (IISSR) is at the inception stage, and no infrastructure has yet been created.

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